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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BLANTYRE 1374

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PINT, PINS, MI, ZA

SUBJ: JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IN MALAWI

REF: A. BLANTYRE A-46 9/12/75

B. STATE 259652

C. STATE 268151

D. BLANTYRE A-50 OF NOV 7, 1975

E. LOURENCO MARQUES 1173

1. PER STATE REFTELS, EMBASSY POUCHED NOV 7 REPORT ON PAST HISTORY, CURRENT SITUATION, PAST US RESPONSE AND EMBASSY COMMENTS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBJECT (REF D).

2. BASIC POINTS OF REF D ARE: VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF JW'S HAVE AND ARE CONTINUING TO OCCUR IN MALAWI, BUT GOVERNMENTAL REPRESSION OF JW'S NOT ONLY LIMITED TO MALAWI (REF E). PROBLEM IN EMBASSY VIEW IS NOT BILATERAL IN NATURE SINCE NO AMCITS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. EMBASSY PERSUADED ANY BILATERAL REPRESENTATION HERE WOULD BE SELF DEFEATING AND THAT REGIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL NATURE OF PROBLEM DEMANDS MULTINATIONAL APPROACH PERHAPS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL BODY SUCH AS UN.  
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